

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the original Abstract the following replacement Abstract.

Setting up a procedure of a communication taking place between at least two instances, with one instance being a protocol tester, includes the steps executable on the protocol tester of a) selecting the instances involved in the communication; b) selecting a protocol layer on the basis of which the communication between the selected instances is to take place; c) selecting abstract communication interfaces of the protocol layer which are involved in the communication; d) selecting communication data; e) setting up a communication procedure that is executable between the instances through the protocol tester on the basis of the selections, with the communications data selection being made graphically; and f) defining within the communication data graphically a message from one instance to the other instance which contains a variable wherein the other instance performs one of several activities as a function of the content of the variable.